incidents caused by terrorist outfits including LeT, have occurred in J&K during the current year upto June 30, 2005. 560 incidents of violence by terrorists have taken place in the North-East till June, 2005.

Decline in youth Joining the Army

*54. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry have conducted a survey to ascertain the reasons for decline in the tendency among youths to join Army; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Increase of tourists in Kashmir

55. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether number of tourists have increased following decrease in terrorist activities in Kashmir;

(b) if so, the year-wise details of last three years;

(c) whether tour of Kashmir is safe for the tourists; and

(d) if so, the details of the measures adopted by Government for security of tourists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As reported by the State Government, the details of the number of

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

tourists visiting Jammu and Kashmir and number of terrorist incidents during the last three years are given below:—

Year	Tourist visiting		Total	Total no. of Terrorist incidents
	Domestic	Foreigners		
2002	24670	3973	28643	4038
2003	180291	9085	189376	3401
2004	375389	19573	394962	2565
2005 (Upto July 15)	332135	8803	340938	1085

(c) and (d) The State Government and Security Forces, in an endeavour to make the security environment progressively safer, have taken the following steps:—

(i) A separate tourist police and enforcement wing at Srinagar/ Jammu and other tourist places exist which look after and protect the interests of the tourists in the State. The tourist police are empowered to take cognizance in cases of cheating and harassment,

(ii) Adequate deployment of Security Forces/State Police is being ensured around the tourist spots and also roads leading to such places,

(iii) Regular patrolling and anti-sabotage checks are being under taken in and around tourist places and roads leading there,

(iv) A separate arrangement operational on a permanent basis at the Shrine of Mata Vaishno Devi at Katra and its proximity,

(v) Special security arrangements have been made for the pilgrims to Shri Amarnath Ji cave, Pahalgam and Kheer Bhawani. Security Forces are ensuring a multi-tiered security system for the pilgrims.

Union Government provides necessary support to the State Government on request and continuously monitors the security situation.